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WATER EXTENSION GETS SET-BACK

HIGH WATER HAMPERING BUILDING OF COFFER DAM ACROSS RIVER

BRISTOL MINE TO HAVE WATER

Carload of Pipe Arrived This Week and Work of Extending To Mine Will Commence Next Week

The heavy rain of last Monday and again on Wednesday put a crimp in the plans of the contractors who started building the coffer dam across the paint river to shut off the water so as to warrant excavation on the river bed in order to complete the home stretch of the water main to the Great Western location.

The city has had a crew of men at work the past several weeks, excavating and laying pipe from the lower North-Western tracks to the bridge on the lower end of Superior avenue. This work was completed last week and the city decided to let the balance of the job out on contract. Bids were asked for and Olson and Johnson were awarded the contract. The contract called for the laying of pipe across the paint river, a distance of three feet below the river bed, also excavating and laying the pipe the balance of the distance to the mine after crossing the river.

In order to get the water bed it was first necessary to get the paint river out of the way. The contractors had to wait until the water was down. On Monday morning the water was down and the work was started. It was found that the water was so high that it was necessary to suspend operations until the water lowered. During this time we understand that a disagreement arose between the two contractors which resulted in Mr. Olson refusing to go any farther with the work. Mr. Johnson, alone, will finish the contract.

Water to Bristol Mine.
A carload of pipe arrived in the city this week and will be used for the extension of the main from the Bristol location to the mine, a distance of about five thousand feet. The Bristol Mining company will put a crew of men on next week excavating for the laying of the pipe and it is expected that the mine will be using city water in about three weeks.

MYSTIC WORKERS OF THE WORLD

Florence Lodge, 1368, was organized Tuesday evening by Anna Wise, Dist. Mgr., assisted by Louisa Cheney, a deputy of Crystal Falls, with very much credit due to worthy Cheney and Wise ladies. The lodge starts with a membership of twenty-three and has many good prospects in sight. Miss Blanche Godin, local deputy, after the meeting, served luncheon, and dancing was then in order. All report having a good time.—Florence Mining News.

THE ALPHA BANK ROBBERY

THE ITEM PRINTED IN THIS PAPER LAST WEEK, UNDER THE ABOVE HEADING, HAS PROVED TO BE A FALSE RUMOR EVIDENTLY STARTED BY A COMEDIAN OF THIS CITY, AS A GOOD JOKE. UPON AN INVESTIGATION OF THE RUMOR THE DIAMOND DRILL HAS LEARNED THERE IS NO TRUTH WHATEVER IN THE STORY; THAT THERE IS NO SUSPICION DIRECTED AGAINST ANY CITIZEN OF ALPHA AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE DIAMOND DRILL. IF WE HAD TIME TO INVESTIGATE THE RUMOR BEFORE GOING TO PRINT THE STORY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED, AS THERE WAS NO TRUTH IN THE STATEMENT AND WE REGRET HAVING GIVEN CREDENCE TO THE RUMOR THUS DIRECTED AGAINST VERY RESPECTABLE CITIZENS OF ALPHA.

A No. 1 barn to rent with water. Inquire at this office.

NOW, PA, DO YOUR DUTY.



—Williams in Indianapolis News.

A SANITARY CONFECTIONERY.

Alois Flood Purchased Willis' Building and Has Started Remodeling.

Alois Flood purchased the Willis building, directly below his confectionery store, this week and will open therein a sanitary confectionery store and ice cream parlor.

Carpenters are already at work remodeling the building, both on the interior and exterior. A new front will also be put in and Mr. Flood expects to have everything in readiness to hold his opening on October 10th.

Everything in the new store will be sanitary and handled in a sanitary manner. An entire new line of fixtures have been ordered, including a new fountain and back bars, the make of which carried away first prize at the worlds fair. The confectionery and wall cases will also be new and all ice cream, sodas, etc., will be served to the people in sanitary dishes.

Another feature of the new store will be an electric carburator which will be installed in connection with the fountain, and all water will be carbonized for the fountain by electricity.

Just as soon as the building in which the confectionery is located at present is vacated it will be taken over by Mr. Flood, Sr., for more space for his pool room. The partition will be taken out of the building and several new tables installed.

STEEL CONCERNS SOLD OUT.

In its weekly review the Iron Age classifies the steel condition of the country as spectacular and says enormous orders for shells and other war steel running six to ten months ahead have about placed the output of the mills for the first half of 1917. Interest now centers on the balance of supply and demand in the domestic market for that time. The trade is getting used to the high prices. Car rebuilding is a factor rather than new car orders, 25,000 to 30,000 tons of steel being wanted for the former. The St. Paul is considering 5,000 new cars and the Pennsylvania railroad has ordered 11,000 tons of plates and 4,000 tons of shapes for car building.

SURPRISES FOR PROSECUTORS.

Four first term prosecuting attorneys in counties of the upper peninsula were defeated at the polls on Tuesday. In Iron county, Prosecutor Waffan was defeated by Attorney M. S. McDonough. In Houghton county Prosecutor W. G. Gallbraith was defeated by Anthony Lucas. In Schoolcraft county Prosecutor C. W. Dunton was defeated by Gottfried Johnston, and in Delta county Prosecutor Rushton was defeated by Attorney Strom. In the first two and last instances the successful candidates of Tuesday were defeated for renomination two years ago and this week turned the tables on the victors of the previous election.

One of the surprises of the peninsula was furnished in Marquette county, where Joseph Primeau, register of deeds for many years, was defeated for renomination by Charles S. Thoren of Negaunee. Mr. Primeau had the distinction of holding the office of register of deeds for a longer term of years than any other register in Michigan.

GAS FIRE AT BRISTOL.

V. P. Chappel in charge of the safety first work of the Oliver Iron Mining company at Iron Mountain, was summoned to Crystal Falls Thursday of last week to combat a gas fire in the Bristol mine. The fire was in the black rock on the third level and the gases generated had driven all the men out of the mine. The gases were not of the same sulphurous nature encountered at the Dober mine, but were more dense and clung to the bottom of the level. With the assistance of the safety crew from the Dober mine, Mr. Chappel erected a timber bulk-head. This was followed by a cement bulk-head and the two effectively shut out the gases from the level. Some gas was also found on the fourth level and as a precautionary measure it was decided to also build bulk-heads at this point. When Mr. Chappel returned home on Saturday the mine was comparatively free from gas, and the men returned to work on Tuesday.

THE LETTER "E."

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "E" is the most unfortunate character in the English alphabet, because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time.

But we call his attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of ease and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no meat, no bread, no life, no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love perfect and without it there would be no editors, devils, nor news. It is also a very wise letter, for it has nothing to do with politics.—A. M. L. in Munising News.

WILL BE LIGHT CROP.

The Michigan potato and bean crop will be small this year, if indications from upstate districts are borne out. Potato vines are reported poor in many places and it is thought the yield will be small.

The small yield will result in many thousands of dollars loss to the farmers, but it is expected they will be partly compensated by an abnormally high price for their products.

DIED LAST SUNDAY.

Mrs. John Reading, daughter of Mrs. Geo. Schober, died last Sunday morning quite suddenly. She had been in apparently good health up to a few hours before her death. She first complained of illness at 2:30 Saturday afternoon and a doctor was summoned at once and it was discovered that her illness was not of a serious nature at that time. During the night she grew rapidly worse and at 2:30 Sunday morning passed away. It is reported that she drank a glass of lemonade Saturday afternoon and immediately after complained of sickness. She was twenty-one years of age.

Besides a husband she leaves two children, one four years and the other four months, a mother, four sisters and three brothers.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with interment in the local cemetery.

L. Miller, of Crystal Falls, is visiting at the home of his brother-in-law, Sam Lowenstein.—Munising News.

JEWISH NEW YEAR.

Sept. 27 Marks Beginning of 5,677 in Hebrew Calendar.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 27, the Jewish people will celebrate their New Year's eve, and the following day will be the beginning of the year 5,677, according to the Hebrew calendar.

Preparations are now being made by local Jews to celebrate the holy season, which begins on Sept. 27, the New Year's day being called Rosh Hashanah, and ending on Oct. 19, with Schemini Atzereth, the feast of conclusion. Special services will be held at the Miller Hall during the holy season.

In the reform synagogue Rosh Hashanah is celebrated from sunset of Sept. 27 to sunset of Sept. 28, while among orthodox Jews the holiday does not end until the sunset of Sept. 29.

In the Jewish tradition, the Rosh Hashanah marks the anniversary of the creation of the world, supposed to have taken place 5,676 years ago. It is one of the holiest days in the Jewish calendar. It radically differs from the civil New Year in that it is a day set apart for introspection and self-examination. The sacred character of this day is implied in the two other names by which it is known, viz., the day of memorial and the day of the blowing of the trumpets. In the first place, it is the day of memorial or remembrance. As such, it calls upon the Jew to remember the divine purpose of his life. Secondly, it is the day of the blowing of the trumpets. Its purpose is to rouse Israel from this self-complacency and stir him to high resolves and nobler deeds.

The Rosh Hashanah derives its significance from the fact that it is but the introduction to the day of atonement, which follows ten days later. Before one can realize the need of atonement, according to the Jewish teachings, it is necessary that he become conscious of his shortcomings; for so long as one imagines himself whole, it may never occur that a physician is needed. Hence, to make the atonement possible, it is taught, one must have Rosh Hashanah, which is also designated as the Yom Hadin—the day of judgment—the day wherein all weigh themselves in the balances, and, perforce, find themselves wanting.

The essential ceremony of the services in the synagogue of Rosh Hashanah is the blowing of the trumpet, in accordance with the injunction in Leviticus xxiii, 24, which reads: "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, and holy convocation."

GUN LICENSES RECEIVED.

County Clerk Wall has received a portion of Iron County's allotment of gun licenses to be used for the coming hunting season which opens on Sept. 16 for the shooting of ducks. All hunters who enter the woods during the seasons for different game will be obliged to provide with a license which costs \$1.00. The license are now being issued but may not be used until the opening of the legal hunting season.

A-D-V-E-R-T-I-S-E

EASTERN STAR WILL MEET.

Hold First Annual Session of Cloverland Association at Escanaba.

The Cloverland association of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its first annual meeting in Escanaba on September 6. It is expected that representatives from every chapter in the state will be present at this meeting which will be the first of its kind in the upper peninsula.

The Cloverland association was formed at a meeting held at Marquette last April. Those who organized the association had in mind an association in which only the lodges of Cloverland would have membership. Eight chapters in the upper peninsula have already joined the association, and it is expected that the remainder of the thirty-three chapters in the upper peninsula will join at the Escanaba meeting.

TWO LICENSE PLATES REQUIRED.

Instructions have been received from the secretary of state to rigidly enforce the state law requiring automobiles to display two license plates. Violation of the law is punishable by a fine of \$100. It is said that several cars are being operated in this city with but one license plate and unless the law is complied with arrests will be made. It has also been found by the secretary of state that in some sections of Michigan owners of large cars have made false affidavits as to the make and weight of their cars and have secured licenses for Ford cars that have been placed on heavier autos. The chief of police is instructed to make an investigation and if any such cases are found promptly to arrest the offenders.

CONSERVATION OF GAME

The next legislature will be urged to adopt a bill empowering the state game commission to regulate the power might be safely placed in the hands of the present commissioner and that it would be used wisely. As the game commission is a political institution there is no guarantee that game seasons, under the plea that the commission is better qualified to do this in the interests of game conservation, than the legislature is designating fixed periods of time for the open seasons, regardless of conservation. Such a law would give the commission arbitrary powers, dangerous in any body. Whether such power would be used wisely or not depends upon the men who compose the commission. We believe that such competent men, familiar with game conditions will always be on the board. Upper Peninsula people should look carefully into such an act before it becomes a law. Most of the game in the state is to be found on the Upper Peninsula and it has become notorious that Lower Peninsula game hogs have been largely responsible for the depletion of our northern game. Might it not come to pass that at some future time the game commission might manipulate the power given it for the benefit of the game hogs of Lower Michigan? Now a word as to the conservation of game. The proposed change is being urged, it is said, because it will tend to conserve game. The conservation of game does not lie in the power to designate an open or a closed season, particularly, but it lies wholly in the restrictions imposed. If game is diminishing, or certain species being exterminated, it is because of useless and wanton slaughter permitted by too long open seasons and in permitting the killing of too great a number of each species of game birds or animals. Deer, our highest and noblest game, is being exterminated. There should be no open season for the killing of deer for a number of years. Fur-bearing animals are being rapidly exterminated under the present system. Beavers, because of their habits of colonization are easily taken in traps and the number one trapper may kill only depends upon the number of licenses he procures and the number of colonies he locates. Partridge are becoming scarcer every year because the number killed each year is greater than the natural increase. Better game protection lies only in shorter seasons and the curtailing of the number of each species permitted to be killed or trapped.—Cloverland Farmer.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Rowley on Friday afternoon, Sept. 15, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Ross as leader.

STEEL TRADE

STILL HEAVY

ALL PLANTS REPORTED TO BE WORKING AT CAPACITY

HAVE BOOKINGS AHEAD

Rail Mills Also Experiencing More at Present Than in Some

Time Back

Conditions in the iron and steel trade are said to be most satisfactory in every line. All the leading plants are operating to full capacity upon bookings covering several months ahead.

Steel prices have stiffened up slightly, and it is noted that premiums are being paid to a greater extent for prompt delivery. An advance of \$3 a ton is expected in sheets owing to the high cost of bars. Furnace men predict that basic pig iron will be advanced 50 cents a ton in the near future, it being contended that the market in it has not kept pace with Bessemer. The latter is quoted at \$21 while basic stands at \$18 to \$18.50 at Pittsburgh. Buffalo furnaces report a more active demand for pig iron than in some time, 100,000 tons having been sold there during the past week. Detroit and Pittsburgh interests also reported heavy sales of pig iron during the last few days.

Ferro Costs Less.

Steel men are gratified over the fact that ferro alloys are receding in price. Ferro-manganese is now quoted at \$165 a ton, but some shading is being made from that figure.

The placing of large additional orders from munitions manufacturers is expected shortly. Inquiries are in the market from England and France for materials that will run up into the millions of dollars and the arranging of deliveries is all that stands in the way of the business being placed, according to Pittsburgh advices. Mills in that district have their rolling capacities taken up well into next year and steel plants near that city are in the same position. France is said to have taken 18,000 tons of angles at the end of last week and requirements from that country call for 10,000 tons additional.

Wire Products in Demand.

Wire products are in strong demand at the Eastern plants. The Italian government is said to be figuring on a large quantity of barb wire, but difficulty is being found in placing the order as all the mills are booked up until the end of the year. The Russian government has specifications before Pittsburgh mills covering 45,000 tons of barb wire upon an order placed some time ago.

While building projects throughout the country are generally of small dimensions, they are numerous, and it is claimed that the mills are filled up with that business to a greater extent than in years.

The rail mills are also experiencing more activity at present than in some time back. Orders from American railroads are increasing and more export trade is being booked. British railroads have inquiries out with mills in this country for 100,000 tons of rails and France has just bought an additional tonnage.

ESSAY ON THE DUCK.

A little schoolgirl in Michigan has written the following essay on the duck: "The duck is a low heavy set bird. He is a mighty poor singer, having a coarse voice, caused by getting so many frogs in his neck, and he likes the water and carries a toy balloon in his stomach to keep from sinking. The duck has only two legs, and they are set so far back on their running gears by nature that they come pretty near missing his body. Some ducks when they get big curls on their tails are called 'Corks' and don't have to set a hatch but just loaf and go swimming and eat everything in sight if I were to be a duck I would rather be a drake they have a wide wide bill like they use it for a spade they walk like a drake man side to side if you see a duck they will flap their wings and try to make a pass at singing.—Chicago Journal.

Miss Rose Cannon left last Thursday for Iron River, where she will spend a few days visiting with friends.